

Grey Veterans

THEY HONOR APPOMATTOX WITH A VISIT

Events of 61 Years Ago Recounted

EVERGREEN

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Farrar

some time with her grand-

mother, Mrs. W. B. Thomas.

Daniel Jennings who has been

on sick list, is improving.

The Ladies Aid Society, of the

High School, of Evergreen,

will give a lawn party Saturday

night the 19th on Mr. Inge lawn

beginning at 5 o'clock.

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the

Progressive Farmer, will address

the last County wide Mass Meet-

ing of Tobacco Growers of Ap-

pomattox County before the

closing of the campaign for

the election of the County Board

of Supervisors at the

High School Auditorium at Ap-

pomattox, Friday, June 25th at

1:30 p. m.

This county has secured about

25% of the total 5 year average

production of Dark Tobacco in

the United States, and the

members of the Tobacco Growers

Co-operative Association have

received for these four crops an

average close to 15 cents for

grades which have been com-

pletely sold and cash advanced

and payments on deliveries dur-

ing this same period.

Using a conservative figure,

the tobacco crops of the past

four years have already netted

producers an average in excess

of 15 cents per pound. During

the past three years the average

production of Dark Tobacco has

mounted to 41,000,000 pounds

per year, and the average re-

port from figures of the Depart-

ment of Commerce for the same

period has been 33,000,000

pounds.

There is only one conclusion

which can be drawn for the high

average price of Dark Tobacco

in the face of a 20 per cent de-

crease in consumption during the

past three years, and this is the

fact that the members of the To-

bacco Growers Co-operative

Association have borne the bur-

den of holding almost the entire

surplus from three crops.

Now we come to the crop of

1927. To be sure the seasons

thus far have been discouraging,

but if a normal crop is produced

it will amount to approximately

40,000,000 pounds. Where will

this crop be marketed?

It seems probable at this writing

that the Auction Markets will

be called upon to handle the

entire crop. This market has

averaged over 15 cents gross for

the past four years in handling

a little over twenty million

pounds with demands at thirty

million pounds, in the face of a

twenty-odd million pound hold-

over now in the hands of the

Tobacco Growers Co-operative

Association?

Bearing out these conclusions,

rumors are now abroad from the

tobacco trade that we may look

for 8 cent tobacco this fall. Can

Mr. Farrar, Mr. McPherson,

Mr. Banker, Mr. Business Man,

meet your obligations with 8 cent

tobacco? What protection have

you against the distressing con-

ditions which the foregoing para-

graphs have pictured? And

mind you, these conditions have

a counterpart just as black as

the Dark Belt of Kentucky and Ten-

nessee.

There is a campaign now go-

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